

**Ways & Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** March 18, 2014 – 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, Sixth Floor, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn A. Tantillo  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Richard Gerentine, Tracey A. Bartels, Carl Belfiglio, Thomas J. Briggs, Mary Beth Maio, James F. Maloney, Jeanette Provenzano and Hector Rodriguez.  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Donald Gregorius, Herbert Litts, III and Kenneth Wishnick, Legislative Counsel Cappy Weiner and Erica Guerin, Legislative Clerk Victoria Fabella, Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum, Comptroller Elliot Auerbach, Commissioner of Finance Burton Gulnick, Jr., Deputy Comptroller Joseph Eriole, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell, Deputy Director of Planning Christopher White, Assistant County Attorney Roland Bloomer, Kingston Freeman Reporter Patricia Doxsey, Tom Kagen – League of Women Voters, Kathy Nolan

- Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

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**Resolution No. 86 – March 18, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 86 – March 18, 2014 - Authorizing The Construction Of Additions To And Reconstruction Of The Quarry Complex Of The Department Of Public Works, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$550,000, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$550,000 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Briggs

**Resolution No. 86 Summary:** Authorizes bond of \$550,000 for construction at Quarry Complex as approved in Resolution No. 85.

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Resolution No. 95 - March 18, 2014**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 95 - March 18, 2014** - Authorizing The County's Share Of The Reconstruction Of Kelder Center At The Ulster County Community College, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$383,258, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$383,258 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Provenzano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Resolution No. 95 Summary:** Authorizes bond of \$383,258 for reconstruction of Kelder Center at the Ulster County Community College as approved in Resolution No. 94.

**Discussion:** Legislator Belfiglio asked for confirmation that the funds for this project was coming from the Ulster County Community College Budget.

Deputy County Executive Crannell said that this project would not cost any additional County dollars. He said 50% of the funding would come from the Community College Capital Fund, a portion would come from the College Foundation.

Commissioner of Finance Gulnick explained there is a cash flow issue. The reason for the bonding is to provide cash up front for the project. The New York State Dormitory Authority will pay for 50% of the project after it is complete but the County needs to lay out the funds to do the project.

There was a brief discussion about contingency plans and procedures for any cost overruns.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Resolution No. 97 - March 18, 2014**

**Text of Motion:**       **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 97 - March 18, 2014** - Authorizing The Acquisition Of The Former Sophie Finn Elementary School In The City Of Kingston, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$366,085, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$366,085 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Motion Made By:**           Legislator Provenzano

**Motion Seconded By:**       Legislator Belfiglio

**Resolution No. 97 Summary:** Authorizes bond of \$366.085 for the acquisition of the former Sophie Finn Elementary School and additional architectural costs as approved in Resolution No. 96.

**Discussion:**   None

**Voting In Favor:**           Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:**           None

**No. of Votes in Favor:**     9

**No. of Votes Against**       0

**Disposition:**             Carried

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**Resolution No. 112 Summary:**

**Resolutions No. 112 – March 18, 2014**

**Text of Motion:**       Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 112 – 2014 Appropriation For Awareness, Inc. – Legislature

**Motion Made By:**           Legislator Briggs

**Motion Seconded By:**       Legislator Bartels

**Resolution No. 112 Summary:** Resolution No. 112 authorizes payment of \$5000 appropriated in the 2014 Ulster County Budget to Awareness, Inc. to offset costs associated with a peer-to-peer education program specifically oriented toward adolescent offenders who receive substance abuse related sentencing in Ulster County Courts.

**Discussion:**   Legislator Belfiglio and Provenzano both serve on the Advisory Board of Awareness, Inc. and will abstain from the vote.

Legislator Rodriguez said this was a newly funded agency for the County. Funding was cut from the original request of \$10,000 to \$5000. He wants to insure Awareness, Inc. is aware of and abides by the terms outlined in the Resolution to “render a verified account of disbursements

with certified vouchers attached, and refund any unused amount on or before the 31st day of December 2014”.

Sheriff VanBlarcum repeated the support for the program he outlined at the March 12, 2014 Ways and Means meeting. He said his office as well as the District Attorney’s office and the Ulster County Magistrates support Awareness, Inc. and the outstanding work they do with Ulster County youth. He believes this is a very deserving program and would like to see it continue and grow. Sheriff VanBlarucm feels the program is a bargain and well worth the \$5000 funding. He described it as “a home run” for Ulster County.

<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, and Rodriguez
<b>Abstaining:</b>	Legislators Belfiglio and Provenzano
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>No. of Votes Against</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried

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**New Business –**

**Public Auction -** Chairman Gerentine spoke about the Public Auction of County Lands scheduled for April 23, 2014 at Quimby Theater, Vanderlin Hall, Ulster County Community College in Stone Ridge, NY and told Legislators that the auction booklet was on their desks and is available on line.

**Staffing Restructuring –** Chairman Gerentine had requested an explanation of the staffing changes made by the County Executive last week that included the salaries of each position. Copies were e-mailed to committee members earlier. These changes will result in an overall salary savings of approximately \$36,000. He suggested committee member review the information and said he expected a resolution next month requesting approval the changes.

**Casino –** Chairman Gerentine said New York State officials were beginning the siting process for three Casinos. He reminded the committee that on June 19, 2012, the Ulster County Legislature had gone on record supporting the Nevele site in Ellenville as a site for a Casino. Chairman Gerentine strongly recommends the Legislature go on record again with whatever support they can give for the site. He feels a Casino at the Nevele would be a huge asset to Ulster County.

There was a discussion that the Casino Siting Commission has specific items they are looking for including local support and how to coordinate a show of support from the Legislature, the Town of Wawarsing and the Village of Ellenville.

**Sales Tax and Safety Net** – Legislator Maio commented on a newspaper article in which New York State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill said he would support the State takeover of Safety Net Mandates.

There was a discussion about the lack of a “same as” Senate Bill making this unlikely of success and the recent articles about the sales tax losses in December and January due to Assemblyman Cahill’s previous actions.

Commissioner of Finance Gulnick told the committee that Resolution No. 98 will approve a FEMA project. He said this was one of several things impacted by this loss of revenue and the impact on the County’s cash flow. The County must do a short term bond anticipation note (BAN) to put up the \$6.5 Million and wait to be reimbursed by FEMA because of the loss of sales tax. He told the committee there will be a bonding resolution in April for this BAN.

Legislator Provenzano noted that Resolution No. 82 on tonight’s agenda calls for all 8 of Ulster County’s Senators and Assembly people to step up to support the New York State takeover of Safety Net Costs. While she has not seen the legislation proposed by Assemblyman Cahill, she hoped he would reach out to all of Ulster County’s delegation to support this takeover.

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There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Maloney seconded by Legislator Rodriguez and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:43.

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**Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2014**  
**Fawn A. Tantillo, Senior Legislative Employee**  
**Minutes Approved On: April 9, 2014**

**RESTRICTURE PRESS RELEASE**

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<u>DEPT #</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>Adopted Salary</u>	<u>Res #69 Salary</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<b>1310/1340 FINANCE/BUDGET</b>						
	Guilnick	101,709	103,743	Guilnick	Commissioner of Finance	103,743
	Vacant	112,214	114,458	Vacant	Deputy Budget Director	81,194
	Cuttien	79,602	81,194	Vacant	Deputy Budget Director	81,194
	Cross	91,350	93,177	Cuttien	ACE Director	89,639
	Vacant	79,639	81,232	Rongga	ACE Deputy Director	81,232
<b>1345 PURCHASING</b>						
	Peruso	73,171	74,634	Rider	Director of Purchasing	74,634
<b>1420 County Attorney</b>						
	N/A	N/A	N/A	Peruso	Disaster Assistance Coordinator (100% Funded -FEMA)	69,000
<b>1430 PERSONNEL</b>						
	Bartholomew	89,267	91,052	Cross	Personnel Director	91,052
<b>1490 DPW</b>						
	Rongga	79,602	81,194	Bolles	Deputy Commissioner	81,194
	Bolles	64,859	66,156	Vacant	Deputy Commissioner	66,156
<b>6290 OET</b>						
	Schaeff	67,855	69,212	Berger	Director of OET	69,212
<b>6410 TOURISM</b>						
	Berger	49,932	50,931	DePetrillo-Savooca	Deputy Director of Tourism	50,931
<b>6772 OFFICE FOR AGING</b>						
	Cardinale	73,445	74,914	Vacant	Director of OFA	74,914